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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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1400 Hours, Roosevelt Room

1. The 28 April meeting of the National Drug Policy Board will be devoted to briefing the President on the progress being made pursuant to the national counternarcotics strategy. It is not expected that the DCI will be called upon to make a contribution to the presentation.

2. While the agenda for the meeting has not been received as of 26 April, these are the probable elements of the briefing:

° Statements by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services acting as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the National Drug Policy Board:

- Statements are likely to be upbeat based on: increased knowledge about drugs and drug abuse; an increase in international attention to the drug issue; and optimism over the reorganization of the Federal government's drug control program.
- According to the latest High School Senior Survey, the "past month" use of cocaine by high school seniors dropped 44 percent between 1986 and 1987. Also according to the study, a significantly higher percentage of seniors believed "occasional" use of cocaine put one at "great risk" than was true in earlier studies.
- In May 1987, the national drug control program was refined with the issuance of the "Lead Agency" directive. Lead agencies were identified in nine areas: Intelligence, International, Interdiction, Investigation, Prosecution, Prevention, Education, High Risk Youth, Mainstream Adults and Treatment.

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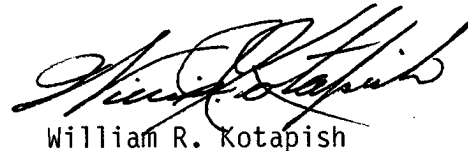
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- At mid-year, Lead Agency Committees were established and in August they began developing strategy and implementation plans for their respective areas of responsibility. Subsequently, these strategies were approved in principle for implementation.
- The Federal drug budget has increased more than three-fold between 1981 (\$1.1 billion) and 1987 (\$3.9 billion).
- ° A briefing by Dr. Ian McDonald, White House Office of Drug Abuse Policy, will likely stress these points regarding "demand reduction" programs:
 - The theme of "user responsibility" is now in favor. It stresses that drug abuse is neither a victimless crime nor a private matter. Users must be held accountable for their behavior. Any attempt by individuals to deny this fact or shift the blame elsewhere is both intellectually dishonest and dangerous.
 - The concept of "zero tolerance" will be stressed in both "demand reduction" and "supply reduction" programs of the national drug strategy.
- ° General Stephen Olmstead will present a briefing on the role of the Department of Defense in the antidrug efforts of the United States. He will discuss:
 - The reduction of drug use in the US military over recent years;
 - The costs to the US military of equipment and training dedicated to antidrug operations;
 - Examples of operational support to US drug enforcement and interdiction efforts.
- ° Frank Keating will provide a briefing on various "supply reduction" programs, probably including the following:
 - "Operation Alliance," an interdiction effort along the southwest border, is launched and off to an impressive start;

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- A Financial Enforcement Committee has been formed to study all aspects of drug economics, including money laundering. The Intelligence Community will participate in this Committee's activities.
 - ° Admiral Paul Yost, US Coast Guard, will brief the President on current US drug interdiction programs worldwide.
3. According to all information available, the program will be fast-paced and will run no more than sixty minutes.



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